

**Alternative Informational Statement Instructions**  
For Form DIV111  
(For Parties NOT Represented by Attorneys)

Each party in a marriage dissolution proceeding must file with the court an Informational Statement. If you are not represented by an attorney, answer the questions on the Alternative Informational Statement (Form DIV111) and file the Alternative Informational Statement with the court. Parties may file one Informational Statement form if the form is completed and signed by both parties.

The information provided on the Informational Statement form helps the Court manage and schedule your case for dissolving your marriage. If the information is incomplete, the Court will design its own schedule from the information supplied.

If you are representing yourself, please complete questions 1 through 6, 11 and 12. If you are an attorney representing one of the parties, please complete the entire Informational Statement form. **Be sure to read and answer all questions completely as some questions have more than one part.**

Definition of terms:

*Joint child:* a joint child is one that is born or adopted during the marriage of the parties.

*Default:* if a respondent does not appear at a hearing or file an Answer to the Petition for Marriage Dissolution after service is made, the matter is called a “default proceeding” and the court may hear and determine the marriage dissolution proceeding in the respondent’s absence.

To fill out the form:

1. Complete the heading of the form with the county and judicial district.
2. Fill in the petitioner and respondent’s names on the appropriate blanks.
- 3a. If you are not represented by an attorney, or filling the Informational Statement out with the other party, who is also not represented by an attorney, answer questions 1 through 6, 11 and 12. Sign and date the Informational Statement and provide address information.
- 3b. If you or the other party are represented by an attorney, answer questions 1 through 4, skip question 5, and answer question 6, 11 and 12, if necessary. Sign and date the Informational Statement and provide address information. The attorney will complete questions 7 through 10.
4. File the Informational Statement with the Court.

The Alternative Informational Statement form must be filed with the court within 60 days after filing a proceeding to dissolve your marriage, or if a temporary hearing is scheduled, the Alternative Informational Statement form must be filed within 60 days from the scheduled temporary hearing, whichever is later. Have a copy of the completed Alternative Informational Statement form that was filed with the court mailed or hand-delivered to the other party, or the other party’s attorney if the other party is represented by an attorney. Keep a copy of the Alternative Informational Statement for your records. If parties are completing the Alternative Informational Statement together, each party should be certain to keep a copy of the form for their own records.

<p>Helpful materials may be found at your public county law library. For a directory, see <a href="http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/cllppubdir.rtf">http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/cllppubdir.rtf</a> . For more information, contact your court administrator or call the Minnesota State Law Library at 651-296-2775.</p>
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